

(b) Upto March, 1996 an expenditure of Rs.0.60 crores has been incurred on Carriage workshop at Ajmer.

(c) The work of conversion of Ajmer Carriage workshop is likely to be completed by March, '98. The estimated POH capacity is 125 four wheeler units of JG coaches per month. The proposed capacity of Ajmer Loco workshop is estimated to be 400 four wheeler units of POH of RG wagons per month.

(d) Sufficient funds are being allocated for expediting the conversion work.

[English]

#### Push Pull Trains

728. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) the number of Push Pull train along with their routes, introduced by the Southern Railway so far;

(b) whether Push Pull trains are proposed to be introduced on any other sections in Kerala; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) At present, 29 Push Pull trains are running on Southern Railway in the following routes.

- (i) Bangalore-Mysore
- (ii) Bangalore-Tumkur-Arsikere
- (iii) Bangalore-Yelhanka
- (iv) Ernakulam-Alleppey-Kayamkulam
- (v) Ernakulam-Kottayam-Kayamkulam-Quilon
- (vi) Ernakulam-Trichur-Guruvayur

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Does not arise

#### Stoppage at Asansol

729. SHRI HARADHAN ROY Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to provide the stoppage of 2301/2302 at Asansol and to run it daily instead of five days a week;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

#### Food in Shatabdi Express

730. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the menu of refreshment and food served in Shatabdi Express running between Delhi and Bhopal has not been changed for the last three or four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). No, Sir. Items of refreshment, breakfast and food service in the menu are rotated from time to time.

#### Kolhapur-Ratnagiri-Belgaum

731. SHRI UDAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any requests to connect Kolhapur with Ratnagiri and Belgaum have been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some decision to undertake survey of these areas has been undertaken in March-April, 1996.

(d) whether some initial work has since been started in the matter;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (e) A survey for new BG rail line from Kolhapur to Ratnagiri on Konkan Railway via Talwade, has been taken up

(f) Does not arise

#### Crimes in Trains

732. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether looting incidents in trains have increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the total number of FIRs lodged/registered and the number of persons arrested during the said period. State-wise;

(c) whether two women were raped by the armed miscreants while looting the Ranchi-Lohardagga train on June 23, 1996;

(d) if so, whether an FIR has been lodged/registered at Piskangri Police Station in this regard;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the preventive measures taken/proposed to be taken to check such recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (f). The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime in the trains is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police (G R P.) which functions under the control of respective State Governments/UT Administrations. Information relating to train-wise lootings, FIRs lodged at local levels and other crimes is not maintained by the Central Government.

[Translation]

#### Quantum of Scrap

733 SHRI KACHARU BHARU RAUT  
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) The quantum of scrap sold by Railways during the year 1995-96; and

(b) The amount earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The quantum of scrap sold by the Railways during the year 1995-96 is given below :

(1) Rails & Ferrous Scrap(MTs)	10,05,343
(2) Non-Ferrous Scrap(MTs)	8287
(3) Coaches (Units)	2450
(4) Locos (Units)	349
(5) Wagons (Units)	21886
(6) Miscellaneous Scrap (MTs)	12,709

(b) The amount earned therefrom was Rs 1018.10 Crores

#### STD Facility

734 SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :  
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce STD facility in the long distance trains;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The time by which the decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A pilot scheme to provide satellite based telephone services was started in New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express and broad Gauge 'Palace on Wheels' trains jointly with Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL) and INMARSAT organisation. The trains have since been completed and are successful.

(c) The service for use of travelling passengers is being contemplated as a pilot scheme in the New Delhi-Mumbai Rajdhani Express after finalisation of logistics and tariffs. This service will, later on, be extended to other important mail/express trains depending on success and popularity of this scheme.

#### Extension of Awantika Express

735. DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to extend Awantika Express running between Ujjain and Bandra upto Mumbai Central; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). The issue relating to extension of 2961/2962 Indore-Bandra Avantika Express upto Mumbai Central is sub-judice in the Supreme Court.

[English]

#### Fertilizer Units in Orissa

736. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) the number of fertilizer units setup in Orissa during the last two years;

(b) the number of units out of them that have started functioning; and

(c) the number of such units in which production is likely to be started during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (c) No fertilizer unit was set up in Orissa during the last two years.

[Translation]

#### Shahganj and Mau Line

737. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the metre gauge line between Shahganj and Mau railway stations of Uttar Pradesh is likely to be converted into broad gauge.